

# *Tri-Parish Catholic Community News*



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
436 W. Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951  
**Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM**



**St. Finbarr Catholic Church**  
504 1<sup>st</sup> St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936  
**Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM**



**St. Ignatius Catholic Church**  
213 W. Franklin St, Spring Valley, MN 55975  
**Sunday Mass @ 10:30 AM**

**March 2, 2025**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45**

## **From Father's Desk -**

This weekend we launch in our parishes the annual diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal. You have probably already received a mailing for it at your home. We would have launched it two weeks ago, but due to a miscommunication I'm making the ask before the weekend Masses now today. Please contribute generously, as you are able. It's great to be able to fulfill our goal as quickly as possible. And any amount over the goal which is donated comes back to the parish. There are many worthy causes supported by this appeal and the work of the diocese, which you can read about in all the materials provided. Thank you for your contribution.

Lent begins this Wednesday. Though Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, it is a very important day in the life of the Church and I encourage all of you to make time to attend. We hear a message and participate in rituals which are very old. The Church has observed some sort of fasting before Easter since the end of the 100s (remember, of course, that Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension were in the year 30). At least by the early 300s a fast of 40 days had begun to be practiced in the Church. So this penitential observance is very old—preceding all the major divisions which hundreds of years later were to plague the Church. This is an essential part of the Christian life, of course, to do penance, to repent, to convert, to “go and sin no more,” as Jesus says repeatedly.

Please pray for our Confirmation students on Wednesday as they will be making their retreat in that evening.

St. Augustine is one of the most powerful preachers and theologians of the whole history of the Church. He lived from AD 354-430. So I leave you with these words from St. Augustine from one of his sermons on the importance of the season of Lent.

“By the help of the merciful Lord our God, the temptations of the world, the snares of the Devil, the suffering of the world, the enticement of the flesh, the surging waves of troubled times, and all corporal and spiritual adversities are to be overcome by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. These practices ought to grow throughout the entire life of a Christian, but especially as the Paschal solemnity approaches which stirs up our minds by its yearly return, renewing in them the salutary memory that our Lord, the only-begotten Son of God, showed mercy to us and fasted and prayed for us... Let us fast, humbling our souls as the day draws near on which the Teacher of humility humbled Himself becoming obedient even to death on a cross. Let us imitate His cross, fastening to it our passions subdued by the nails of abstinence.”

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

No Tues. morning Mass Jan. – Mar.  
Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5, 6:00 PM for Marijane Irlbeck †  
Sat., March 8, 5:00 PM for Stanley & Shirley Davis †

### Offering from Feb. 22, 2025 – Week 34

Weekly Support:	\$ 473.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 69,781.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 54,108.00

### Liturgy Schedule Wed., March 5, 6:00 PM

Opener: Becky Oehlke  
EMHC: Becky Oehlke / Ellen Olson  
Lector: Emily Kelzer  
Servers: Holly Weiss / Ryan Meyerhofer  
Ushers: Clint Weiss / Logan Marx  
Counters: Clint Weiss / Lori Stier

### Liturgy Schedule Sat., March 8, 5:00 PM

Opener: Diana Weiss  
EMHC: Troy Gehling / Kathy Gehling  
Lector: Denice Gehling  
Servers: Kalee Davis / Chael Stier  
Ushers: Terry Weelborg / Lon Baldus  
Counters: Susan Baldus / Trudy Swanson

- **St. Finbarr Fish Fry:** Instead of pies and apple crisp for dessert, we are asking parishioners to bake a pan of bars. If you helped last year and would like to do the same job, please let Lori Stier know ASAP by calling 507-696-2857. The sign-up sheets will be in the social hall March 1 & 8 after Mass. This is a great Confirmation service hours opportunity for 9th and 10th graders.

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5, 7:30 PM for Richard & Marian Ginder †  
Sun., March 9, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

### Offering from Feb. 23, 2025 – Week 34

Weekly Support:	\$ 626.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 45,421.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 52,074.00

### Liturgy Schedule Wed., March 5, 7:30 PM

Greeters: Jim & Jessica Yoch  
Gifts: Gladys Kasel  
EMHC: Kathy Mason  
Servers: Landon Lewis/ Vanessa Lewis  
Ushers: Mike Welsh / Bruce Diemer  
Counters: Tom Winkels / Cathy Yoch

### Liturgy Schedule Sun. March 9, 8:30 AM

Greeters: Paul & Cathy Yoch  
Gifts: Nick & Kathi Bunne  
EMHC: Jessica Yoch  
Lector: Vicky Nolt  
Servers: Maria Almaraz-Nolt / Allie Bunne  
Ushers: Paul Yoch / Chris Lentz  
Counters: Rita Miller / Jessica Yoch

- **CCW** will meet on Monday, March 3, 7 PM in the church hall. Co-chairs are Jessica Yoch & Jess Bly.
- **Annual Irish Festival** will be held Sunday, March 16. from 11 AM-2 PM. Mulligan Stew “all you can eat,” \$12; Hamburger and chips, \$6; and Hot Dog and chips, \$3. Carry-outs available. Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Crafts, Bingo and games for all ages. If you would like to donate toward the meat or a silent auction item, contact Elaine at 507-440-0674, elainemills55@gmail.com or Kathy at 507-421-2541.
- **Wedding Blessings** on Ryan Kasel and Abbey Beranek who were married on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Cathedral in LaCrosse.

## St. Ignatius Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Tues., Mar. 4, 8:30 AM for Gorden & Jean Kramer †  
Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5, 12 Noon for Marian Hewitt †  
Thur., Mar. 6, 8:30 AM for Deceased Members of Mergen Family  
Fri., Mar. 7, 8:30 AM for Beate Rueber †  
Sun., March 9 10:30 AM for Esther & Irvin Evers †

### Offering from Feb. 23, 2025 – Week 34

Weekly Support:	\$ 2,080.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 74,496.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 81,405.00

### Liturgy Schedule Wed., March 5, 12 Noon

EMHC: Bob Capelle / Rita Bezdicek  
Lector: Candis Wiste  
Servers: Please Volunteer  
Ushers: Please Volunteer  
Counters: Please Volunteer

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., March 9 10:30 AM

Greeters: De Vreeman / Lois Boelter  
Gifts: John & JoAnn Gladys  
EMHC: Bob Capelle / Jeff Erding  
Lector: Don Mulhern  
Servers: Nathaniel Drees / Harper Holman  
Ushers: John Mulhern / Bryan O'Connell  
Counters: Czapiewski / Engesser

- **The 39th Annual Fish Fry** will be on Friday, March 7. We will have dine-in and drive-thru. This requires the help of all our parishioners, so please use the sign-up board in the entryway. Thank you!
- **Nathan Collins**, originally of Spring Valley, cousin of Marie Warren, passed away on February 19, in Phoenix, AZ, at the age of 91. May he rest in peace.

## Tri-Parish News

- **St. Ignatius Fish Fry:** The 39th annual fish fry will be on Friday, March 7, 5-7:30 PM. Adults \$15.00 and children under 12 \$6.00. Come and enjoy some great fish!
- **St. Finbarr Fish Fry:** All are invited to attend the St. Finbarr Fish Fry on Friday, March 14, 4:30 - 7:00 PM in Grand Meadow. The menu will consist of fish, cheesy potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, bar and beverages.
- **St. Patrick Church** will host its annual Irish Festival on Sunday, March 16, 11 AM-2 PM. Mulligan Stew Dinner "all you can eat" for \$12; Hamburger and chips, \$6; and Hot Dog and chips, \$3. Carry-outs available. Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Crafts, Bingo with final game payout of \$100.00, and games for all ages.
- **Second Collection:** There will be a second collection on Ash Wednesday, March 5, for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, and supports social service programs, youth ministry, church construction, evangelization and more.
- **The Diocese of Winona-Rochester** is proud to offer a series of three retreats and a pilgrimage for its Catholic adult population. The theme for this diocesan event is *The Holy Family*. Each retreat has a particular focus, on the Holy Family as a whole or on one of its members. The retreats will offer Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, important faith formation, and time for retreatants to engage in small group discussion and reflection. Lunch and snacks will also be provided along with daycare assistance for those with young children. The next retreat is Saturday, March 15, 9 AM to 3 PM at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna. There is a poster on the bulletin board with more information and how to register.
- **Answering God's Call:** Thanks to you, twenty-five men are currently discerning a call to the priesthood. Nearly 4,500 students in our Catholic schools are being formed in lives of faith and virtue. Please give generously to this year's Appeal. To give online, visit [www.catholicismn.org](http://www.catholicismn.org).
- **Tri-Parish Masses:** Please give Mass stipends directly to Father Parrott along with the name(s) for whom the Mass is intended. **Make checks payable to St. Ignatius.** Stipend requests are \$10 per Mass and are said during the week and on weekends.



## Faith Formation Announcements

### St. Finbarr

Blessing of Confirmands	5:00 PM	3/1
Youth Mass	5:00 PM	3/1
Confirmation Retreat, GM	4-8 PM	3/5
Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	3/12, 19
Class	7-8 PM	3/12, 19

### St. Patrick

Blessing of Confirmands	8:30 AM	3/2
Confirmation Retreat, GM	4-8 PM	3/5
Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	3/12, 19
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	3/12, 19

### St. Ignatius

Blessing of Confirmands	10:30 AM	3/2
Confirmation Retreat, GM	4-8 PM	3/5
Class	9-10:20 AM	3/9, 16
Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	3/12, 19

## Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound Tri-Parish members in your prayers.

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr
Pat Weiss – St. Finbarr	Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius
Ron Neis – St. Ignatius	Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius
Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius	Bill Jones – St. Ignatius
Rita Bezdicek – St. Ignatius	Sara Kasel – St. Patrick
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick	Cheri Jose
Diane Reineke	Sandy Stern
Stephen Czapiewski	Jason Emanuel
Kathleen Domaille	Karen Sanford

*If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to [triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com).*

## Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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### Faith Formation Coordinators:

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Tri-Parish Website: [www.tri-parish.net](http://www.tri-parish.net)

## **Sacraments**

**Baptism:** Arrangements for infant baptism are made at least one month in advance. A one-hour Pre-Jordan session is required for parents who have not participated in one previously. Baptism is preferably celebrated during the Mass on Saturday or Sunday. To make arrangements, contact Fr. Parrott.

**Marriage:** Arrangements for marriage should begin six months prior to the intended date of the wedding. Marriage preparation requires a series of meetings and a marriage encounter weekend. This sacrament is not celebrated during Lent or Holy Week.

**Confession:** This is offered before the Saturday Mass from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., before or after daily Mass in the respective parishes or by appointment with Fr. Parrott or Fr. Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

### **St. Finbarr:**

*None Jan -- Mar*

### **St. Patrick:**

*Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.*

### **St. Ignatius:**

*Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.*